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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

According to a disclosed method for protecting a test program, a source file is translated using a primary
5 key owned by a program provider to create a distribution
file (13) and a secondary key (13a) so that an object file
of the test program can be created only when the
distribution file and the secondary key are used. Further,
according to a disclosed LST test method, a test pattern
10 (25) is created from a source file (27) and a scramble
format (28), to decide whether a signal, sent from an LSI
(23), of response to the test pattern is right or wrong
based on a test plan (24).